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Subject: I am OPPOSED to Senate Bill 883

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I have identified seven (7) items in Senate Bill 883 that will greatly transition our current Driver Education Instructor Preparation Program to a Sub-Standard Program in the state of Michigan. Items in this bill will negatively affect the quality of new instructors that are entering the field. This bill is poorly worded and misleading based on current law or MDOS Guidelines.

- 1) Driver Education 4 Practicum cannot possibly be completed synchronously with Driver Education 1, Driver Education 2, or Driver Education 3. (page 3, line 7). The first three classes need to be completed one at a time and the content of each applied during the Practicum.
- 2) There is educational value in requiring a teacher of another discipline who holds a teaching certificate to participate in Driver Education 2 and not test out of it. (page 3, lines 13-16)
- 3) In all parts of this bill the word <ONLINE> needs specific definition. How can a new teacher complete Driver Education 3, in-car skills, online? (page 3, line 6 and 20). I-TV, Video-Chat,
- 4) The contact hours of instruction in each of our Instructor Preparation classes are currently 30 hours. We follow the National Standards of 45 hours. Page 3, line 22 should read <not less than 45 hours, with a minimum of 30 contact hours per class>
- 5) The content in each of the four (4) required classes cannot possibly be covered and the knowledge retained by a non-teacher, Instructor Candidate, in 1 week. Also, 1 week is not enough time to educate a new teacher on in-car teaching techniques. (page 3, line 27)
- 6) It is best that the Master Teachers in our Driver Education Instructor Preparation programs have a firm Educational background. It would be to our best interest to maintain the Master's Degree requirement for the instructors that teach the Instructor Preparation courses. (page 4, line 3)
- 7) Any instructor who teaches any of the driver education preparation courses must have experience in <u>both</u> Driver Education **Classroom** and **Behind-The-Wheel**. (page 4, line 4)

Please consider what Senate Bill 886 will do to the quality of new Driver Education Instructors in Michigan. Our new teen drivers and their families deserve better.

## I encourage you to vote this bill down.

Thank You, Marie James Owner AllSafe Drivers Ed. LLC 5452 Perry Road Grand Blanc, MI 48439 810-606-0094